| | NPDES Permit Development | Data Source | SB/RB | Notes |
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| A | Core Criteria: QUALITY | | "0" or "1" | Needs Justification if "0" |
| A1 | PQR action items adequately addressed ("1" if not applicable). | Permit Quality Review Report | | |
| A2 | RPA results in WQBELs developed consistent with WQS. | NPDES Permit Office EPA Staff Liaison, | | |
| A3 | WLAs properly applied to wastewater, stormwater, and industrial permits. | Review of Permit Template Language | | |
| A4 | RPA conducted for WET and limits established consistent with WQS and monitoring requirements included in permits. | | | |
| A5 | Anti-degradation and anti-backsliding analyses conducted consistent with WQS and documented in the factsheet. | | | |
| A6 | Mixing zones calculated properly and in accordance with WQS. | | | |
| A7 | Compliance schedules established properly and in accordance with WQS. | | | |
| A8 | Pretreatment requirements applied appropriately in permits. | NPDES Permit Office EPA Staff Liaison, Review of Permit Template Language, NPDES Permit Office EPA Staff Pretreatment Coordinator | | |
| В | Core Criteria: ADMINISTRATION | | | |
| В1 | Rules reflect Clean Water Act requirements (i.e. E-Reporting, including biosolids use and disposal, SSM Rule, NPDES updates, public notice, dental amalgam, etc.). | NPDES Permit Office EPA Staff Liaison | | |
| B2 | Program adheres to MOA conditions, including providing EPA proper time to review permits and providing appropriate forms to EPA (e.g. biosolids/pretreatment, if applicable). | NPDES Permit Office EPA Staff Liaison, MOA (1989) | | |
| В3 | Permit writers provided with basic and advanced technical training. | NPDES Permit Office EPA Staff Liaison, State Water Board Training/EPA sponsored Training, Grant/Contractor Assistance (for training purposes) | | |
| B4 | Permit writers able to defend permits petitioned to State Board or litigated in court. | NPDES Permit Office EPA Staff Liaison, Board drafted documents (i.e. Response | | |
| | | to Comments, administrative record, etc.) | | |
| С | Core Criteria: ISSUANCE | | | |
| C1 | Permit renewal % current improved from previous two years if below national objective (<83%). | NPDES Permit Office EPA Staff Liaison, Regional/State Board E.O. Annual | | |
| C2 | Permit renewal % current consistent with national objective (>83%). | Report/Tracking Measures | | |
| C3 | Permit renewal % current consistent with regional objective (>78%). | | | |

| C4 | Meets state-proposed and EPA-agreed upon permit issuance 106 Work Plan commitments and committed priority permits. | NPDES Permit Office EPA Staff Liaisons, | |
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| C5 | Contractor/In-kind supported permits issued in a timely manner (approx. 6 months per 106 workplan/MOA). | Review State Board Workplan Reports | |
| D | Enhanced Criteria: INNOVATION – Max of 3 Points | | |
| D1 | Program demonstrates improvement in receiving water quality as a result of NPDES program (e.g. 303(d) de-listing or any other improvement in receiving water). | NPDES Permit Office EPA Staff Liaison, 303d List Review | |
| D2 | Permit program supports technical, managerial and financial capacity (TMF) of small systems through outreach and training. | NPDES Permit Office EPA Staff Liaison | |
| D3 | Asset management planning required for wastewater or stormwater permits. | NPDES Permit Office EPA Staff Liaison, Review of Permit Templates, NPDES Permit Office EPA Staff Asset Mgt Lead | |
| D4 | Permit implements innovative monitoring program (i.e. special studies for CECs, watershed monitoring, etc.). | NPDES Permit Office EPA Staff Liaison | |
| D5 | Permit writers coordinate with related programs (i.e. TMDLs, enforcement, etc.). | NPDES Permit Office EPA Staff Liaison, Board Staff | |
| D6 | MS4 permits include numeric WLAs as effluent limits. | NPDES Permit Office EPA Staff Liaison | |